

The National Summit on the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Welfare

Jackson Hole, Wyoming
June 2-4, 2009

Call for Workshop Proposals
Deadline: January 19, 2009

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Family Violence Prevention Fund, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, will host a summit on the intersection of domestic violence and child welfare (co-occurrence) in Jackson Hole, Wyoming on June 2-4, 2009. The summit, to be held a decade after the publishing of *Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice* (the *Greenbook*), is themed **From Inspiration to Innovation: Leadership, Partnerships, and Change**. This is an opportunity for professionals around the country working on issues related to co-occurrence to share their strategies for transforming the way child welfare agencies, domestic violence organizations, courts, other service providers, and communities respond to families in need.

This is a call for proposals to present workshops at the summit, a two and a half day conference providing training and information regarding co-occurrence. We are looking for presentations that will highlight innovative practices and policies, inspire leadership, and provide insight into effective collaborative and system responses. The goals of the summit are to:

- Introduce new ideas and bring attention to significant overlap issues;
- Foster leadership development;
- Enhance participants' abilities to identify needs of individuals, families and systems;
- Showcase policies and practices that promote reform efforts, enhance capacity-building, and creating sustainability;
- Facilitate peer-to-peer support and learning; and
- Energize the vibrant network of communities addressing the intersection of these complicated issues.

The summit provides a critical national forum for professionals to discuss their approaches, successes, and challenges in assisting families experiencing co-occurrence, on both the prevention

and intervention continuum. It has been nine years since the first summit and it is a unique opportunity to be part of this event.

Summit Audience:

- Domestic violence advocates, including supervisors, public policy professionals and coalition staff members;
- Child protection staff, including supervisors, caseworkers, investigators, and facilitators;
- Legal professionals, including judges, GALs, CASA, parent and child lawyers, prosecutors/agency attorneys, and court administrators;
- Mental health professionals, social workers, community-based providers;
- Law enforcement;
- Cross-system specialists; and
- Any individual working directly on co-occurrence issues within their community, as a provider, or in a public policy arena.

Areas of Interest:

Workshops at the national summit will focus on policy, practice, and research, demonstrating promising practices and emerging trends specifically on the overlap of domestic violence and child maltreatment. Some of the priority topic areas include:

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| • Differential and individualized response models | • Promoting linkages within communities and with other local/state initiatives |
| • Information sharing and confidentiality | • Promoting best practices around adult and child victim safety, including advocacy models and risk assessments |
| • Working with men who use violence, batterer accountability, and fatherhood | • Working with parents who are dealing with multiple problems, e.g. chemical dependency, mental health, and domestic violence |
| • Legislative responses | • Enhancing safety for families that remain together |
| • ADR and family engagement models | • Reasonable efforts determinations, petition language, and diversion of cases |
| • Custody and visitation | • Cross-system collaborative practices |
| • Cultural relevancy | • Promising practices in legal representation of parents and children |
| • Effects on children, resiliency, and innovative children's programming | • Role of evaluation and mapping outcomes |
| • Addressing overrepresentation of families of color | |
| • Evidence-based practices | |
| • Pre-system intervention and community engagement models | |
| • Enhancing leadership within the key systems and communities | |

Expenses:

Presenters will be responsible for all costs of their travel and lodging at the summit. Unfortunately, at this time there is no funding for reimbursement of presenter expenses or for honorariums. Registration fees for presenters will be waived.

Information Needed:

The following information must be included in order to fully respond to this Call for Proposals.

- 1) A brief outline of the workshop's proposed content (no more than two pages) that lists:
 - Presentation title
 - Abstract
 - Target Audience
 - *Greenbook* Guiding Principles/Recommendations and conference areas of interest that the workshop corresponds to and how
 - Presentation format that you plan to use, including participant learning objectives, adult learning principles and any special a/v needed.
- 2) Names of presenters (including bios/resumes for each presenter, other venues where presenters have spoken, and references where presentation skills can be affirmed); and
- 3) Name and contact information of lead presenter (person responsible for communication with planning team, submission of presentation materials, etc.).

Selection Criteria:

Proposals will be judged based on session content, relevancy to the field, experience of presenters, and innovative practices outlined. Priority will be given to presentations that:

- Demonstrate overall quality, value and relevance to the participating audience.
- Demonstrate understanding of adult learning principles and usage of interactive activities, discussion, audiovisuals and handouts to enhance learning.
- Include current research related to topic.
- Adhere to the guidelines outlined in this Call for Workshops.

If selected, the summit planning committee reserves the right to change the title and description in a way that does not impact the content of the workshop and combine related presentations where appropriate.

Submission Guidelines:

All materials related to your proposal should be submitted in one email by **5 p.m. EST on January 19, 2009**. Send materials to Lauren Litton at llitton@ispconsults.com or via fax to (216) 925-4180. If you have any questions about this Call for Proposals please feel free to email Lauren or call her at (216) 707-9499.

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